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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO AUSTRIA ON U.S. VIEWS OF UNSC
RESOLUTION 1695

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Classified By: Economic-Political Counselor Gregory E. Phillips. Reason: 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (SBU) EconPolCouns delivered reftel points on September 8 to Dorothea Auer, the Assistant Secretary-level Director of the Austrian MFA's Arms Control and Disarmament bureau. Alexander Kmennt, Auer's deputy for nuclear issues, also participated in the meeting.

¶2. (C) Auer and Kmennt agreed with U.S. views on preventing North Korean WMD development. Auer said she had recently pressed North Korean diplomats in Vienna on returning to the six party talks. She said the North Koreans had reiterated the position that they would return to the talks only if the U.S. took some sort of step. She said it seemed the key step the North Koreans wanted was the unfreezing of North Korean assets. She added that this showed that U.S. actions had been on the mark. She added that an additional complication arose because the North Koreans seemed to believe that they derived some measure of international respect from the claim that they possessed nuclear weapons.
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